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Tennessee Regulatory Authority
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**Re: *In Re: Petition of Atmos Energy Corporation for Approval of Franchise
Agreement with Columbia, Tennessee
Tennessee Regulatory Authority Docket No. 04-00318***

Dear Ms. Miller:

Please find enclosed the original and fourteen copies of Atmos Energy Corporation's Motion for Extension of Time to File Direct Testimony and to Reschedule Hearing for filing in the above-referenced matter. Please stamp the extra enclosed copy "filed" and return it to me in the enclosed envelope.

If you have any questions about this filing please give me a call.

Sincerely,

Kasey Cannon,
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Enclosures

**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

IN RE PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY
CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF
FRANCHISE AGREEMENT WITH
COLUMBIA, TENNESSEE

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**ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION'S MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
TO FILE DIRECT TESTIMONY AND TO RESCHEDULE HEARING**

Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos" or "the Company") hereby requests that the Authority extend the time to file direct testimony in this matter and reschedule the hearing. On November 9, 2004, the Hearing Officer issued a Notice of Hearing which set this matter for hearing on November 22, 2004 and directed all pre-filed testimony be filed on November 17, 2004. The Notice of Hearing also required any motions to change the dates for the hearing and submission of direct testimony be filed no later than November 16, 2004.

On November 8, 2004, Atmos filed a Petition for Approval of Franchise Agreement with Maryville, Tennessee, which has been assigned Docket No. 04-00397. For purposes of efficiency and consistent with prior practice before the Authority, Atmos requests that the petition in this docket be set for hearing on the same day as the petition in Docket No. 04-00397, and that the dates for hearing and filing of testimony provided in the Notice of Hearing in this matter be extended. Atmos requests that the date for filing of direct testimony in both matters be extended to a date no earlier than mid-December to allow for the preparation of all witness

testimony, and that the hearing for both dockets be set at the following agenda conference, or at an alternative date convenient to the Authority.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been mailed, postage prepaid, to the following parties of interest this 10th day of November, 2004.

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